

**LOWER PLATTE NORTH NRD MINUTES
BOARD MEETING
April 13, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Lower Platte North NRD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Lower Platte North NRD Office, Wahoo, NE on Monday, April 13, 2015.

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

The advanced notice of our April 13, 2015 board meeting was published on March 26, 2015 in the Banner Press, Columbus Telegram, Fremont Tribune, Schuyler Sun and Wahoo Newspaper.

Chair Hannah informed those present that a copy of the "Open Meeting Act" is posted for public viewing.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL - INTRODUCTIONS

DIRECTORS PRESENT AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

Bailey	Birkel	Clausen
Feala	Gibney	Hagerbaumer
Hilger	Kavan	Johannes
McDermott	Meduna (arrived 6:40 pm)	Olson
Pollard	Ruzicka	Saalfeld
Sabatka	Seier	Veskerna
Hannah		

DIRECTORS ABSENT

STAFF AND GUESTS:

Miyoshi	Mountford	Breunig
Murren	Schomer	Almond
Gottschalk	Heimann	Angle

Sign in sheet attached to original minutes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. COMMENTS - ADVISORS/GUESTS/DIRECTORS

a. Guest Comments

b. NRCS Report

Jeremiah Schutz reviewed The NRCS/NRD April report.

c. NARD Report

Hilger reported on recent Legislative issues.

d. NRC Report

e. Managers Report

Manager Miyoshi reviewed his written report.

f. Education Program

Mike Almond updated the Board on the new NRD Bill Paying/Purchasing Policy.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Meetings

a. Pending

1. UNL Water Tour – Republican River Basin - Update Given

2. NARD Basin Tour – Update Given

b. Reports

Attached to the Executive Committee Minutes find Mountford's report from the NARD Annual Washington, DC Meeting.

2. Management Items

a. Director Absences - None

b. Bob Weaver

1. Monthly Conference Call and Report - Update Given

2. Monthly Bill

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment of \$3,300 to Bob Weaver for February services and bill LPSNRD and Papio NRD for their share. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Monthly Education Program – Update Given

d. CCEI Lawsuit – Update Given

e. Purchasing Policy

Hilger made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve the updated "Purchase Policy" dated 4-13-15 as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

f. 2016 NARD Budget – Update Given

g. Board Room Changes – Update Given

h. Long Ear Bat – Update Given

i. Legislation – Update Given

3. Equipment – None

4. Personnel – None

5. Finance

a. Approval of Financial Report

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the February Financial Report as distributed to all directors. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Approval of Managers Expenses

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve Manager Miyoshi's time and expense sheets as attached to the Executive Committee Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. Accounts Receivable Over 90 Days

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by McDermott, to write off the Danielle Woodbury account receivable from the Colon RWD receivable list and not allow water service on the lot until the \$2,500 Rural Water System investment is recuperated (\$2,500 minus monthly meter fees received).

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the April LPNDRD Executive Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

B. OPERATIONS, EDUCATION & RURAL WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Wild NE/CREP Report – Update Given

2. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE & OTHER ITEMS

a. O & M Crew – Update Given

b. Tractor Rental 2015 – Update Given

c. Czechland Lake Improvements

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to make payment to JEO in the amount of \$4,440 for construction services provided in the Czechland Lake Improvement contract as attached to the O-E-RW Minutes. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Wanahoo SRA

McDermott made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the proposal from ME Collins that allows them to store aggregate for the County Road 17 project on the NRD Property and in return will pave the entryway in to the NRD building site. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

e Bellwood Watershed Dam Repair Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to make payment to contractor Ray Moore in the amount of \$690 for repair work on the Bellwood Ditch 4 project. Motion carried on consent agenda.

f. Conservation Tree Orders

g. Fremont 205 Feasibility Study – Update Given

h. Summer Interns

3. ROCK AND JETTY – Update Given

4. EROSION & SEDIMENT RULES & REGULATIONS – Update Given

5. INFORMATION & EDUCATION

a. Information

1. Radio and eAds – Update Given

2. Viaduct – Update Given

3. 2015 County Fairs – Update Given

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve LPNNRD exhibiting at five county fairs (Boone, Butler, Colfax, Platte and Saunders) in Summer 2015. Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Education

1. Spring Conservation Sensation

2. Soil and Water Stewardship Week – Update Given

3. Earth Wellness Festival – Update Given

c. Computer

1. PCI Compliance – Update Given

6. RURAL WATER SYSTEMS – Update Given

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, that the April LPNNRD Operations, Education and Rural Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

C. WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

1. REGULATORY

a. GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. Variance Requests in the Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

2. Variance Request in the Non-Hydrologically Connected Area – Update Given

3. Variance Request in the Restricted Development Area – None

4. Well Permit Program

a. Well Permits Approved – Update Given

5. Irrigation Transfer Requests

a. KWEA Transfer Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the transfer by KWEA Inc. (Justin Taylor) of 47.44 acres from two parcels S½-SW¼-SW¼-S4-T17N-R8E (Fremont Sub-Area) and NW¼-NW¼-S9-T17N-R8E (North Bend Sub-Area) to a parcel in W½-SE¼-S5-T17N-R8E (North Bend Sub-Area). Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. Gene Kresak Transfer Request – Update Given

c. Cottonwood Valley Farms Transfer Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the transfer by Cottonwood Valley Farms of 17 irrigated acres from a farm in the NE¼-SW¼-S23-T16N-R2E in the Octavia Subarea of Butler County to the SW¼-S19-T16N-R2E in the Bellwood sub-area of Butler County provided that Cottonwood Valley Farms submits a variance request for the field in S19-T16N-R2E by September 15, 2015. Motion carried on consent agenda.

d. Bill Becker Transfer Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the transfer for Bill Becker of 34 acres from the NW¼-S1-T20N-R5W; of 69 acres transferred from the NW¼-E½-SE¼-S8-T22N-R5W; of 27 acres transferred from the NE¼-NE¼-S14-T22N-R6W; for a total of 130 acres to be transferred to the NW¼-S27-T22N-R5W. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Ruzicka Brothers Transfer Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the transfer for Ruzicka Brothers of 2.1 irrigated acres from the N½-SW¼-NE¼-NE¼-S23-T18N-R5E; and 3.2 acres from the N½-SW¼-SE¼-SW¼-S31-T18N-R6E; for a total of 5.3 irrigated acres to the NE¼-NW¼-S6-T17N-R6E. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. Special Quantity Sub-Areas

a. LPNNRD SQS Operator Certification Classes – Update Given

7. Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition – Update Given

8. Voluntary Integrated Water Management Plan

Pollard made the motion, seconded by Johannes, to approve payment of \$6,755.91 to Olsson Associates for services rendered up to March 10, 2015 for the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan contract for LPNNRD as attached to the Water Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

9. Cost-Share Programs

a. Irrigation Well Sample Kits – Update Given

10. Bellwood Phase 2 Area – Update Given

11. Richland-Schuyler Phase 2 Area

12. LPNNRD Certification – Update Given

a. LPNNRD Operator Certification Classes – Update Given

b. Chemigation – Update Given

c. Livestock Waste Permits – Update Given

2. GROUND WATER PROGRAMS

a. Decommissioned Well Program

1. Well Estimates - Update Given

2. Plugged Wells – Update Given

b. LPNNRD Ground Water Studies

1. Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) – Update Given

c. Ground Water Energy Levels – Update Given

3. OTHER

- a. **GMDA Summer Session – Update Given**
- b. **2014 Summer Interns – Update Given**
- c. **Comments from the Public – Update Given**

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that the March LPNNRD Water Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

D. PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. SWCP REPORT

a. SWCP Application Approvals

Sabatka made the motion seconded by Pollard, to approve the following SWCP applications:

TREES:

<u>Dennis Prochaska</u>	<u>595 Trees</u>	<u>\$602.44</u>	
<u>Johnathon Temme</u>	<u>200 Trees</u>	<u>\$225.00</u>	<u>(Lower Loup planting)</u>
<u>Zane Wondercheck</u>	<u>329 Trees</u>	<u>\$370.13</u>	<u>(Lower Loup planting)</u>
		<u>\$1,197.57</u>	

APPROVALS:

<u>Roberta Johnson</u>	<u>Terrace/Div/Tile</u>	<u>\$4,119.91</u>	<u>(Dodge Fall app. 25% with EQIP)</u>
<u>John O. Schultz</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$4,754.34</u>	<u>(Above Site 21A)</u>
		<u>\$8,874.25</u>	

SUMMER APPROVALS:

<u>Celestine Chapek</u>	<u>W/S Basins/Tile</u>	<u>\$6,993.66</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>
<u>Randy Fendrich</u>	<u>W/S Basins/Tile</u>	<u>\$12,450.00</u>	<u>Butler Co.</u>
<u>Raymond Mitchell</u>	<u>Grass Waterway/Fabric</u>	<u>\$668.31</u>	<u>Dodge Co.</u>
<u>Don Anderson</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile/Basins</u>	<u>\$12,500.00</u>	<u>Saunders Co.</u>
<u>Carrieta Dappert</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$8,109.88</u>	<u>Saunders Co.</u>
<u>Glenn Chvatal</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile</u>	<u>\$1,455.00</u>	<u>Saunders Co.</u>
<u>Merlin Fick</u>	<u>Terrace/Tile</u>	<u>\$2,736.00</u>	<u>Saunders Co.</u>
		<u>\$44,912.85</u>	

Motion carried on consent agenda.

b. SWCP Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the following SWCP Payment:

<u>14-S-9</u>	<u>Rita Freeman</u>	<u>Saunders Co.</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$568.50</u>
<u>14-P-50</u>	<u>Stephen Wieser</u>	<u>Platte Co.</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$586.55</u>
				<u>\$1,155.05</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

c. SWCP Cancelations – None

d. Cottonwood Creek Payments

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the following Cottonwood Creek cost-share payments:

<u>Arlene Erickson</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$7,005.99</u>
<u>Vennie Kavan</u>	<u>Terraces/Tile</u>	<u>\$2,714.54</u>

Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Sand/Duck Cost-Share Approvals - None

f. Sand/Duck Creek Payments – None

g. Wahoo Creek Watershed Cost-Share Approvals – None

h. SWCP Policy Review

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the revised Soil and Water Conservation Program (SWCP) Policy for 2015, with noted changes as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes. Motion carried all members voting aye.

2. WATERSHEDS

a. Shell Creek – Watershed Plan – Update Given

b. Wahoo Creek

1. Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Phase I

Ruzicka made the motion, seconded by Saalfeld, to approve payment of two JEO invoices totaling \$31,300, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes for contract work completed on the Wahoo Creek Watershed Water Quality Plan Contract. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

3. LOWER PLATTE RIVER CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

a. Monthly Report – Update Given

4. OTHER

a. Update on Army COE 205 Studies

1. South Fremont 205 – Update Given

2. Schuyler 205 – Update Given

b. Shell Creek Landowner Levee Project – Update Given

c. All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Olson made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve payment on two JEO invoices totaling \$14,663 as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, for contract work completed on our District-wide All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

1. Woodcliff (SID#9) HMP Assistance Request

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve up to \$7,500 (75% of estimated \$10,000 total cost) of our HMP grant funding for Woodcliff's (SID #8) HMP project analysis, with the requirement that Woodcliff reimburse LPNNRD 25% (\$2,500) of the total cost. Motion carried on consent agenda.

2. Floodwater Dam Breach Inundation Mapping Project Opportunity

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Olson, to approve a contract addendum with JEO as part of our HMP to complete breach inundation mapping on LPNNRD's top 20 prioritized floodwater structures as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes (\$40,000 total cost, HMP to reimburse \$30,000). Motion carried all members present voting aye.

d. GPS Survey Equipment Repair

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve paying RDO Integrated Controls \$2,874.20, as attached to the Projects Committee Minutes, for our half of completed repairs on our GPS survey equipment. Motion carried on consent agenda.

e. Review of Projects Financial Statement – Update Given

6. SAND CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECT REPORT - Update Given

7. WESTERN SARPY/CLEAR CREEK LEVEE REPORT – Update Given

Hagerbaumer made the motion, seconded by Clausen, that the March LPNNRD Projects Committee Minutes be received and placed on file. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

7a. Schuyler FFA Sponsorship

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve a \$150 donation to the Schuyler FFA Land Judging team to help with expenses to attend the National Land Judging contest. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7b. SWCP Payments

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following SWCP Payments:

<u>14-B-36</u>	<u>Gary Yindrick</u>	<u>Butler County</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$537.50</u>
<u>14-B-35</u>	<u>Yindrick Farms, LLC</u>	<u>Butler County</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$537.50</u>
<u>14-S-15</u>	<u>David Feist</u>	<u>Saunders County</u>	<u>Flow Meter</u>	<u>\$625.00</u>
<u>13-B-51</u>	<u>Dwaine Schmit</u>	<u>Butler County</u>	<u>Flow Meter x 2</u>	<u>\$1,250.00</u>
		<u>Total</u>		<u>\$2,950.00</u>

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7c. Sand and Duck Creek Payment

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following Sand and Duck Creek Payment:

<u>14-S&D-3</u>	<u>Shirley Vhyldal</u>	<u>Saunders County</u>	<u>Basin/Tile</u>	<u>\$7,958.50</u>
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Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7d. Decommissioned Well Payments

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve the following decommissioned well payments:

<u>Dave Deerson</u>	<u>Saunders County</u>	<u>\$1,131.38</u>	<u>2-Well Abandonments</u>
<u>Greg Haskins</u>	<u>Dodge County</u>	<u>\$797.60</u>	<u>2-Well Abandonments</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$1,928.98</u>	

Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7e. Czechland Lake Improvement Payment to Contractor

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to make final payment to Sibbernsen Excavating in the amount of \$28,963.73 for work completed on the Czechland Lake Improvement Project. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

7f. V-IMP Payment to Olsson Associates

Olson made the motion, seconded by Sabatka, to approve payment of \$12,049.11 to Olsson Associates for services rendered up to January 31, 2015 for the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan contract as

attached to the April Additional Action Items. Motion carried all members present voting aye.

8. BILLS TO BE APPROVED

Saalfeld made the motion, seconded by Ruzicka, that all bills be approved and warrants be drawn in payment of same. Motion carried all member present voting aye.

AYE: Bailey, Clausen, Feala, Gibney, Hagerbaumer, Hilger, Johannes, Kavan, Meduna, McDermott, Olson, Pollard, Ruzicka, Saalfeld, Sabatka, Seier, Veskerna, Hannah

NAY: Birkel

9. CONSENT AGENDA ADOPTION

Sabatka made the motion, seconded by Pollard, to approve the April consent agenda. Motion carried all members present voting aye, Ruzicka abstaining on agenda item 6.C.1.a.5.e.

10. COMMENTS FROM DIRECTORS/GUESTS

11. MEETING ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

The May Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2015, 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Discussion on all agenda items that have "Update Given" can be found in corresponding Committee Minutes.

The undersigned, the duly elected and acting Secretary of the Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (the "District"), hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on April 13, 2015, that all of the matters and subjects discussed at the meeting were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the District during normal business hours, and except for items of emergency nature, the agenda was not altered later than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the above minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days or prior to the next convened meeting, whichever occurred earlier; and, that reasonable efforts were made to provide all news media requesting notification of the meeting and of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Joe Birkel, Secretary